POSTPONED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF OCTOBER SESSION, 1952.

Commandeering of a House in Tumkur by the District Magistrate.

Q.—11. Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the District Magistrate, Tumkur, commandeered a house belonging to one Nama Sriranga Setty, Jeweller, Tumkur, under the Defence of India Rules for the use and occupation of the District Forest Officer, Tumkur, in the month of August 1952;

(b) whether this house had already been allotted to the owner himself for his personal use and occupation by the previous District Magistrate under the House Rent Control Act, in the month of May 1952;

(c) whether the District Forest Officer, Tumkur, had been occupying another house since his arrival in Tumkur;

(d) whether possession of the commandeered house was obtained by the police authorities forcibly breaking open the lock of the house even while the owner was petitioning the District Magistrate to apply his mind to the facts of the case;

(e) whether Police Constables and Forest Guards in uniform were placed on sentry duty at the premises until the District Forest Officer moved into the house;

(f) the market value of, as well as the purchase price paid by Nama Sriranga Setty, for this house; and the rent fixed for it by the District Magistrate;

(g) (i) the salary of the District Forest Officer, Tumkur, and (ii) the rent that was being paid by him for the house previously occupied by him;

(h) the text of the particular section of the Defence of India Rules resorted to by the District Magistrate?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) It is reported that possession was taken only after the owner disobeyed the orders of the Deputy Commissioner and tried to meddle with the house making it unfit for occupation.

(e) Police watch was arranged for a day to prevent clandestine occupation or meddling with the building so as to make it unfit for occupation.

(f) The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, was holding an enquiry in the matter of fixing fair rent under H.R. and A.C. Act, 1951, and no final orders are made as yet.

(g) (i) Rs. 375 p.m. from 1st October 1951.

(ii) No information is available.

(h) Rule 75 (A) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore and continued by the Supplies Services and Miscellaneous Provisions (Temporary Powers) of 1947.

Vaisakhi Paddy Crop.

Q.—14. Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the acreage under Vaisakhi paddy crop;

(b) the quantity of paddy harvested;

(c) the quantity of paddy procured under the Harvest Acquisition Order under each of the Reservoirs and Major Tanks in Tumkur District during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952?